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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL COOPERATION: POSSIBLE NEW
SUBJECTS

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE (GABLENTZ) HAS TOLD US THAT THE
FRG IS PLANNING TO INTRODUCE THREE NEW SUBJECTS INTO
THE POLITICAL COOPERATION FRAMEWORK IN THE NEAR
FUTURE: SOUTH AFRICA, ANGOLA, AND CHINA.

2. SOUTH AFRICA: THE FRG IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED
THAT THE EC MEMBERS ADOPT COMMON POLICIES TOWARD
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SOUTH AFRICA AND THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA. THE FRG

INTENTION TO INTRODUCE THIS SUBJECT INTO THE EC
POLITICAL COOPERATION FRAMEWORK SHOULD BE VIEWED AS
PARALLELLING ITS RECENT MOVES AT NATO AND THE UN. IT
IS A REFLECTION OF INCREASED ATTENTION THE FRG IS PAYING
TO ITS RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND HOW THEY
DO OR DO NOT AFFECT THE FRG'S RELATIONS WITH THE
COUNTRIES OF BLACK AFRICA. IT IS ALSO A REFLECTION OF
A CONSTANT EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE FRG TO PROMOTE
UNITED ACTION ON THE PART OF ALL EC MEMBERS ON
THOSE SUBJECTS WHERE SUCH ACTION IS POSSIBLE. TO THE
EXTENT A COMMON POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA IS FOLLOWED
BY EC MEMBERS THE FRG'S EXPOSURE TO CRITICISM IS
CORRESPONDINGLY REDUCED.

3. ANGOLA: GABLENTZ SAID THAT THE EC MEMBERS WILL
SHORTLY BE FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF RECOGNIZING ONE
OF THREE SEPARATE MOVEMENTS, OR A COMBINATION OF THE
MOVEMENTS, AS THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. THE
STRONGEST MOVEMENT IS MARXIST ORIENTATED. SHOULD THE

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EC MEMBERS SUPPORT THE MOVEMENT MOST CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE WEST OR THE STRONGEST MOVEMENT? AGAIN, HERE IS AN AREA IN WHICH THE FRG HOPES THE EC MEMBERS CAN ADOPT A UNITED POLICY. GABLENTZ NOTED THAT THE FRG HAS LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE POSITION OF THE US ON THIS QUESTION.

4. CHINA: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IS CURRENTLY PAYING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA. WHEN HE RETURNS ON NOVEMBER 5, THE FRG WILL INFORM ITS EC PARTNERS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RESULTS OF THE VISIT, AS IT CUSTOMARILY DOES WITH IMPORTANT OR POTENTIALLY IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY DEVELOPMENTS. THE CHINESE, WHO SUPPORT THE EC FOR THEIR OWN REASONS, WOULD PRESUMABLY BE INTERESTED IN GIVING THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EC MORE SUBSTANCE. THE FRG BELIEVES THAT THE EC STATES SHOULD EXPLORE WHAT THEIR POLICIES HAVE IN COMMON AND IF IT IS FEASIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHINESE INTEREST IN THE EC.

5. GABLENTZ SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS FROM THE US ON THESE THREE SUBJECTS. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER INCLUDING THEM IN THE EC-US DIALOGUE OR GIVING OUR COMMENTS BILATERALLY TO THE FRG.
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